GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department – Allegation of irregularities in various works in Kamalapuram (M), YSR Kadapa District – Disciplinary proceedings initiated and charges framed against Sri K.V.Govinda Rao, former SE, PR Circle, Kadapa, now retired - Charge proved in the inquiry – Inquiry report communicated – Show cause Notice issued - Imposing a penalty of withholding 2% of pension for a period of one(1) year– Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 375 Dated: 20-05-2025

Read the following:

1.Vigilance Report No.27 (C.No.508/V&E/E1/2013), dated 31.10.2014 of DG, V&E.
2.G.O.Rt.No.72, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.17.07.2015.
3.G.O.Rt.No.712, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.17.07.2015.
4.Sri K.V.Govinda Rao, former SE, PR Circle, Kadapa, now retired, WSD, dt.26.11.2018.
5.G.O.Rt.No.561, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.28.08.2019.
6.G.O.Rt.No.580, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.13.10.2020.
7.G.O.Rt.No.444, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.09.08.2021.
8.D.O.Lr.No.59/COI-KVR/2021, dated 31.01.2023 of Member, COI, G.A.Dept.,
9.Govt.Memo No.20190/Vig.II/2014-2, dated 15.04.2023.
10.Sri K.V.Govinda Rao, former SE, PR Circle, Kadapa, now retired, Representation, dated 29.05.2023.
11.Govt. Memo No.20190/Vig.II/2014-31, dated 12.02.2025.
12.Sri K.V.Govinda Rao, former SE, PR Circle, Kadapa, now retired, Representation, dt.07.04.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department has furnished Vigilance Report on the allegations of irregularities in the works executed under various grants viz., Rajiv Palle Bata, ACDP, MPLADS, MGNREGS, ZP General funds, APSFC, ZP Seigniorage Grant, MP Rs.8/- per capita, MP Woman and Child Welfare, MP ST Welfare, RRM and TFC in Kamalapuram Mandal, Kadapa District, and recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Sri K.V.Govinda Rao, former Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Kadapa, now retired, among others for committing certain irregularities execution of works besides recovery of amount proportionately from the officers concerned/ executive agencies/self help groups among other recommendations.

2. Accordingly, in the reference 2nd read above, Government have accorded sanction under Rule-9(2)(b)(i) of APRP Rules,1980 and initiated disciplinary proceedings duly framing following article of charge under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 vide reference 3rd read above against Sri K.V.Govinda Rao, former Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Kadapa, now retired, among eight (8) others, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence:-

Charge:

That Sri K.V.Govinda Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, PR circle, Kadapa and now retired, has committed irregularities in execution of works sanctioned under various grants in Kamalapuram Mandal, Kadapa District and failed to discharge his legitimate duties and allowed the substandard execution of work with malafide intention and caused loss to the Government exchequer in violation of Rule.3 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. In the reference 4th read above, Sri K.V.Govinda Rao, former Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Kadapa, now retired has submitted his written statement of defence. After examination of the matter and having not satisfied with the written statements of defence submitted by the Charged Officer and eight (8) other Charged Officers, Government have appointed Sri J.Satyanarayana, IPS (Retired), Commissioner of Inquiries to conduct regular enquiry into the charges framed against Sri K.V.Govinda Rao, former Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Kadapa, now retired and eight (8) others and also appointed Presenting Officer Rule 20(2)(5)(c) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P. Revised pension Rules, 1980, vide reference 5th read above and Inquiry Officer was changed from time to time vide references 6th and 7th read above.

4. In the reference 8th read above, the Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries, General Administration Department, has submitted inquiry report, dt.31.01.2023, wherein, the Inquiring Authority has held charges framed against the charged officer, Sri K.V.Govinda Rao, former Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Kadapa, now retired, as proved.

5. In the reference 9th read above, Government, among others, have communicated a copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer, Sri K.V.Govinda Rao, former Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Kadapa, now retired, as per Rule 21(2) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 for his representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiring Authority, among others.

6. In the reference 10th read above, the Charged Officer, Sri K.V.Govinda Rao, former Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Kadapa, now retired, has submitted his representation and stated that all his defences made before the Inquiring Authority were unheard in its true spirit, intent and favorably and therefore, the analysis made by the Inquiring Authority with his findings thereon, are not acceptable and the same are contestable. Hence, he has requested the Government to exonerate him of the charges framed.

7. Government have examined the matter and observed that as per the Vigilance Report dt.31.10.2014, Sri K.V.Govinda Rao, former Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Kadapa, now, retired, has not answered technically and as per job chart Charged Officer is responsible for approval of technical sanctions for certain level of works and overall supervision in execution of works qualitatively and

quantitatively in all sectors and schemes in his jurisdiction. After perusal of defence and records available, it is concluded that Charged Officer has not discharged his duties as per job chart and codal provisions. In view of the above reasons, the observations of Vigilance & Enforcement officials in report No.27, dated 31.10.2014 are sustained. Hence, charge is proved. As such, the contentions of Sri K.V.Govinda Rao, former Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Kadapa, now retired, are devoid of merits.

8. After careful examination of the matter, Government have taken a provisional decision to withhold 2% of Pension for a period of one (1) year under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri K.V.Govinda Rao, former Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Kadapa, now retired. Accordingly, in the reference 11th read above, a show-cause notice was communicated to Charged Officer for his representation, if any, on the above provisional decision of the Government.

9. In the reference 12th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj has forwarded the representation of Sri K.V.Govinda Rao, former Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Kadapa, now retired, wherein, he has denied the above proposed punishment and requested to drop the charge framed against him.

10. After careful examination, Government hereby impose a penalty of withholding 2% of pension for a period of (1) year against the charged officer, Sri K.V.Govinda Rao, former Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Kadapa, now retired, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 in the matter.

11. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, is requested to take further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K.V.Govinda Rao, former SE, PR Circle, Kadapa, now retired
Through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, with a request to serve the same on the CO and furnish the acknowledgement copy to the Government.

Copy to:
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Estt.I) Department.
The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.CM for PR,RD, RWS&S and EFS&T.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD Department.
SF/SC(921039).

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SECTION OFFICER